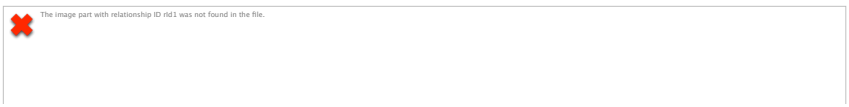
PHOENIX COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2016
Campus Vista Room
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Minutes

I. General
   A. Call to order
      Call to order at 1:06pm.
   B. Roll call
      Present: John Schampel, Rody Randon, Karl Schindler, Amy MacPherson, Adrianna Coronel, Kory Ambrosich, Andrea Villareal, Cindy Cloud, Patty Finkenstadt, Scott Geddis, Michael Wilson, Debbie Webster
      Absent: Anna Marti-Subirana
      Guests: Victor Cornell
   C. Approval of the agenda
      Motion to approve agenda (Cloud, Schindler, MPU)
   D. Approval of March 25, 2016 minutes
      Motion to approve minutes (Schindler, Villareal, MPU)

II. Business
   A. Resolution of Spring 2015 Senate Grievance
      Attendance was spectacular by Senate, other faculty and administration, with the exception of Paul DeRose, VPAS who reportedly called in sick.
      The follow up meeting was especially beneficial for all parties.
      A re-airing of the video for those who missed the presentation and/or would like to review it may be a possibility, including the VPAS. Senate discussed the prospect of inviting VPAS DeRose to view the AAUP video and then attend the next Senate meeting to discuss his thoughts on the topics of shared governance and academic freedom covered in the presentation.
      It was discussed further how to continue the dialogue on academic freedom and shared governance at PC beyond this semester. Some possible ideas were that administration host an "open house" type of event to help build relationships; additional college-wide discussions about shared governance; consider revision of College Plan to include co-created definition of shared governance and how could be operationalized at PC; future topic of an All-Employee Convocation.
      Motion to consider the Senate grievance resolved. (Cloud, Wilson, MPU)

   B. Senate Elections
      John reported that Zones 1, 2, 4 had nominations by the deadline. Additionally, he received a nomination for Zone 3 after the deadline.
      Motion to approve the late nomination for Zone 3 (Cloud, Geddis, MPU).
      Nominations:
         Zone 1: Scott Geddis
         Zone 2: Karl Schindler



Zone 3: Genevieve Winters
Zone 4: Anna Marti-Subirana, Jim Neuenfeldt

III. Information

A. AAUP/Academic Freedom training
Discussed above.

B. Committee on Committees
PCLC discussed revamping the Committee structure at PC. PC has many more committees than the other colleges. One consideration is the possibility of reducing the number and size of committees. Also discussed expanding definition of service, e.g., advising, tutoring, scholarship application review, professionally relevant service to community etc. However, how best to operationalize an expanded definition and to hold people accountability to completing service.
The Committee on Committees is reviewing all of the Blueprints and is aligning the scope and membership to identify what committees may be needed.

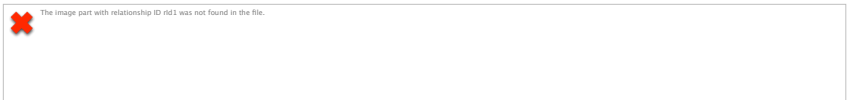
C. All Faculty meeting logistics
Topics to include: FA Leadership, Meet and Confer, Chancellor Search, Collaborative Governance updates.
Will be held at Macayo's on Central on Friday April 22, 2016.

D. VPAS Update
Scott discussed meeting with Paul over lunch. Overall the meeting was positive; Scott reported that Paul appeared to not understand why faculty might be upset. Scott provided examples; Paul indicated that he needed to toe the line under President Solley's leadership because had seen other VP's run out by her, and that he didn't get credit for keeping PC solvent during difficult budget times. He also felt responsible to fight for his direct report (Athletics); Scott pointed out the conflict of interest in fighting for direct reports vs. responsibilities as VPAS. Scott suggested that Paul come to Senate for discussion.
As mentioned above, Senate considered inviting Paul (and possibly other administrators) to Senate meeting to discuss AAUP presentation. John said he would extend the invitation.

E. Morris Johnson Recognition
A group of people that knew Morris Johnson (past Interim College President) discussed how to honor his contributions to PC. Possible suggestions included naming the Student Union or an open space after him. Cindy will bring more information to Senate at a later meeting.

F. PCLC Event – Organizing our Intentions
Chris Haines and Scott discussed how to help prioritize college priorities for the next year. This discussion culminated in the decision to have PCLC host a work session on May 5, 2:30-4:30 in Hacienda to organize the intentions of the college for the next year. Senate, PCLC, Strategic Planning will be invited.

IV. Zone Reports
Zone 1: Nursing Department Chair is stepping down; Salina was nominated and was running unopposed. There are three nursing faculty positions open and one administrative position for next academic year.



Zone 2: Debbie Webster will be the Department Chair of Behavioral Sciences. Fine and Performing Arts is putting on “Grease” next week.
Zone 3: Reading Faculty are having issues with DRS, e.g., one faculty did not receive paperwork for accommodations until week 7 (of an 8 week course) and also didn’t receive a copy of the paperwork. There is a request for Senate leadership to work with DRS to ensure that the process for requesting accommodations is clear, appropriate, and followed. There were questions about Eddie Genna’s new role as Associate Vice Chancellor at District. Of particular concern were the reversion rights allowing him to return to his faculty position in Liberal Arts at the end of his contract.
Zone 4: Frank Marfai passed his dissertation defense. Concerns were raised about accessing Flexible Spending Account (FSA) funds. It was suggested to go to Lisa Kussard (HR Benefits) or Ilene Borze (faculty EBAC rep.).

V. Reports

A. President’s
John reported that FEC will make a $325 contribution to the Faculty Foundation in Jed Allen’s memory.

B. Officers’
No report

C. FEC (tabled)

D. BRC (tabled)

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn (Cloud, Geddis, MPU). The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting
May 6, 2016, Campus Vista Room

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